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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-4. (canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A digital content data distribution system for delivering and selling digital content data over a network to a user, the system comprising:

means for computing a content fee per unit volume of said digital content data;

means for computing a communication fee charged for the delivery of said digital content data over the network;

means for integrating said content fee with said communication fee, wherein the integration of said content fee with said communication fee produces a total fee, said means for integrating configured to include the total fee in the digital content data;

means for delivering said digital content data to the user over the network

wherein said digital content data is reproduced by the user by removing said total fee from said delivered digital content data; and

notification means for notifying a management unit of transmission information about said digital content data delivered by said delivery means.

~~The digital content data distribution system according to claim 4,~~ wherein said notification means notifies said management unit of, as transmission information about said digital content data delivered by said delivery means, at least one of said content fee information, information for identifying a sender, information for identifying a recipient, and a data volume of said digital content data.

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6.-9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended) A reception apparatus for receiving digital content data and a cost per unit volume information of said digital content data transmitted via a communication medium, the apparatus comprising:

means for receiving said digital content data with its data format converted into a data format suitable for said communication medium and restoring the received digital content data;

means for removing said cost per unit volume information from the restored digital content data;

reproduction means for reproducing said digital content data without said cost per unit volume information; and

notification means for notifying a management unit of receiving said fee information by said means for receiving,

~~The reception apparatus according to claim 9, wherein said notification means notifies~~
the management of at least one of said fee information, information for identifying a sender,
information for identifying a recipient, and a data volume of said received digital content data.

11.-37. (Canceled)